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CHINA AND INDIA.

MINISTERIAL MISSIONARIES.

	<i>Station</i>
Rev. H. L. MacKenzie, M.A., arrived in China, 1860.	Swatow.
„ W. McGregor, M.A. ... „ 1864.	Amoy.
„ William Campbell ... „ 1871.	Formosa.
„ John C. Gibson, M.A. ... „ 1874.	Swatow.
„ Thomas Barclay, M.A.... „ 1874.	Formosa.
„ Henry Thompson ... „ 1877.	Amoy.
„ Donald MacIver, M.A. „ 1879.	Hak-ka, Swatow.
„ John Watson, M.A. ... „ 1880.	Amoy.
„ J. A. B. Cook ... „ 1881.	Singapore.
„ Wm. Riddel, M.A., M.D. „ 1881.	Hak-ka, Swatow.
„ Patrick J. Maclagan, M.A. „ 1888.	Swatow.
„ Murdo Mackenzie .. „ 1889.	Hak-ka, Swatow.
„ Duncan Ferguson, M.A. „ 1889.	Formosa.
„ Archibald Lamont, M.A. „ 1890.	Singapore.
„ T. E. Sandeman, M.A.... „ 1892.	Amoy.
„ J. Steele, B.A. ... „ 1892.	Swatow.
„ C. Campbell Brown ... „ 1893.	Amoy.
„ Alfred A. Cooper, M.A., arrived in India, 1893.	Rampore Bauleah.

MEDICAL MISSIONARIES.

Peter Anderson, L.R.C.S.&P., Ed. arrived in China, 1878.	Formosa.
Donald Morison, M.D. ... arrived in India, 1878.	Rampore Bauleah.
Alexander Lyall, M.B., C.M. arrived in China, 1879.	Swatow.
John F. McPhun, M.B., C.M. „ 1882.	Hak-ka, Swatow.
Philip B. Cousland, M.B., C.M. „ 1883.	{ Chao-chow-fu, Swatow.
James M. Howie, L.R.C.S. and P., „ 1888.	Chang-poo, Amoy.
B. L. Paton, M.B., C.M. ... „ 1889.	Chin-chew, Amoy.
W. Murray Cairns, M.B., C.M. „ 1893.	Formosa.
John Cross, M.B., C.M. ... „ 1893.	Eng-chhun, Amoy.
Muir Sandeman, M.B., C.M. „ 1894.	Amoy.

MISSIONARY TEACHERS.

Mr. William Paton arrived in China, 1881.	Swatow.
Mr. George Ede „ 1883.	Formosa.

MISSIONARY EVANGELIST.

Mr. George M. Wales ... arrived in China, 1890. Amoy.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MISSIONARIES.

Miss C. M. Ricketts ...	... arrived in China, 1878.	Swatow.
Miss Georgina Maclagan ...	... ,, 1882.	Amoy.
*Miss Mann ... ..	... ,, 1883.	Swatow.
Miss E. Black ... ..	... ,, 1885.	..
Miss Jessie Johnston...	... ,, 1885.	Amoy.
Miss Annie Butler ... ..	... ,, 1885.	Formosa.
Miss Joan Stuart ... ..	... ,, 1885.	..
Miss Thomson ... ..	... arrived in India, 1886.	Rampore Bauleah.
Miss Harkness ... ..	... arrived in China, 1887.	Swatow.
Miss Falconer ... ..	... ,, 1887.	Hak-ka, Swatow.
Miss Sutherland ... ..	... arrived in India, 1887.	Rampore Bauleah.
Miss Graham ... ..	... arrived in China, 1888.	Chin-chew, Amoy.
Miss Barnett ... ..	... ,, 1888.	Formosa.
Miss Lecky ... ..	... ,, 1889.	Chang-pu, Amoy.
Miss Janet Balmer ... ..	... ,, 1890.	Hak-ka, Swatow.
Miss Ramsay ... ..	... arrived in China, 1890.	Chin-chew, Amoy.
Miss Duncan ... ..	... ,, 1893.	Chin-chew, Amoy.
Miss M. B. McGregor ... ..	... ,, 1893.	Amoy.
Miss Mary Balmer ... ..	... ,, 1893.	Hak-ka, Swatow.
Miss Brunton ... ..	... arrived in India, 1893.	Rampore Bauleah.
Miss Effie Maclagan ... ..	... ,, China, 1893.	Chang-pu, Amoy.

CENTRES.

N.B.—In these lists, at places printed in italics there are fully organised Congregations.

AMOY.

Chin-kang District.—*Chin-chew, Lam-mng-goa, An-hai, Siong-see, Eng-leng, Pia-chiu, Chioh-sai, Chhim-ho, Chioh-khun, Ham-kang.*

Lam-an District.—*Kwan-kio, Khoey-bey, Eng-lai, Phoa-noa, Mng-khau-tai, Tang-chhan-kio, Chioh-chi, Ho-chhi.*

Tong-an District.—*E-mng-kang, Ko-long-su.*

An-koi District.—*O-tau, An-koe.*

Hai-teng District.—*Pechuia, Kang-boey, Tin-hai, Pi-po.*

Chang-poo District.—*Ki-boey, Kio-lai, Bay-pay, Yu-boey-kio, Liong-bun-si, Peh-chioh, Kang-khau, Aw-sai, Chhia-tsui, Kwan-jim, Tung-kio, Au-po, Pan-to, Hoe-pi, Chang-poo, Ban-an, Liong-nia, Liok-go, Kak-chioh, Ko-tin.*

Lam-chang District.—*Liong-khay.*

Ping-ho District.—*Gaw-chay, Cheng-poa.*

Eng-chhun District.—*Eng-chhun, Go-tau, Pi-o, Phi-lai, Soa-thau-sia.*

Congregations organised, 10 ; not yet organised, 45.

SWATOW.

Hai-yang District.—*Chao-chow-foo, Teng-tng.*

Ching-hai District.—*Swatow, Yam-tsau, Peh-tsui-ou.*

Jao-ping District.—*Phu-soa, Ung-kng, Chia-na.*

Kieh-yang District.—*Kieh-yang, Kia-kng, Sin-hu, Pang-khau, Teng-kng, Teng-pou, Tek-kie.*

Chao-yang District.—*Chao-yang, Tat-hau-pou, Tsau-phou, Sua-mng-sia, Au-kang.*

* Now engaged in England.

Pu-ning District.—*Mi-ow*, Sin-un.

Hwe-lai District.—*Kway-tham*, Hwei-lai.

Lu-fung District.—*Kah-chi*, *Noi-hue-ti*, *Kie-kia-thau*, *Toa-ua*.

Hai-fung District.—*Kong-pheng*.

Chau-an District.—*Na-thau*.

Sua-bue and *Leug-kia*.

Congregations organised, 9 ; not yet organised, 23.

HAK-KA COUNTRY.

Kieh-yang District.—*Ng-kang-phu* (called also *Wu-king-fu*), *Ho-pho*, *Thai-yong*, *Nam-san*, *Lyong-thien*.

Lu-fung District.—*Ng-yun-thung*, *Shong-sa*, *Ho-thyen*, *Sin-thyen*, *Sam-hai*, *Shong-fu*, *Lo-hai*, *Nyit-chung*.

Fung-shun District.—*Thong-hang*, *Pu-ts-tshai*.

Ta-pu District.—*Thai-pu*.

Yung-ting District.—*Lyung-tsai*.

Hwei-lai District.—*Kau-thyen*, *Moi-Yong*.

Congregations organised, 4 ; not yet organised, 16.

ISLAND OF FORMOSA.

Tai-wan District.—One Station amongst Chinese—viz., *Taiwanfoo*.

Four Stations amongst the *Pe-po Hoan*—viz., *Bak-sa*, *Kam-a-na*, *Kong-a-na*, and *Poah-bay*.

Tong-soa District.—Eleven Stations amongst Chinese—viz., *Pi-thau*, *Ta-kao*, *Tang-kang*, *Tek-a-kha*, *Taw-kun-eng*, *A-kau*, *A-li-kang*, *Ka-la-paw*, *Lam-a-khe*, *Lau-chhu-tsong*, and *Lombay Island*.

One Station amongst the *Hak-ka Chinese*—viz., *Lam-gan*.

Ka-gi District.—Five Stations amongst Chinese—viz., *Ka-gi*, *Tau-lak*, *Katang*, *Gu-ta-oan*, and *Moa-tau*.

Four Stations amongst *Pe-po Hoan*—viz., *Giam-cheng*, *Ka-poa-soa*, *Thau-sia*, and *Hoan-a-chhan*.

Chiang-hoa District.—One Station amongst Chinese—viz., *Chiang-hoa*.

Five Stations amongst the *Sek-hoan*—viz., *Toa-sia*, *Awgu-lan*, *Toa-lam*, *Gu-khun-soa*, *Paw-sia city*, *Chap-sa-kah*, *Katauga*, and *Sia-thau-lun*.

East Coast.—Three Stations amongst the *Pe-po Hoan*—viz., *Chim-kong-o*, *Tak-kai*, and *Chioh-pai*.

Congregations organised, 20 ; not yet organised, 18.

SINGAPORE.

Seven Stations—*Singapore* (three stations), *Bukit Timah*, *Serangoon*, *Tek-kha*, *Johor-Bahru*, *Ang-tshu-Kang*, and *Bandarabainoi*.

Congregations organised, 2 ; not yet organised, 8.

Congregations organised, 45 ; not yet organised, 101. Total, 146.

NATIVE PASTORS, entirely supported by their own Congregations.—*Amoy*, 8 ; *Swatow*, 5. Total, 13.

NATIVE PREACHERS.—*Amoy*, 42 ; *Swatow*, 28 ; *Hak-ka Country*, 11 ; *Formosa*, 30 ; *Singapore*, 3 ; *Rampore Bauleah*, 2. Total, 117.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.—*Amoy*, 16 ; *Swatow*, 5 ; *Hak-ka Country*, 11 ; *Formosa*, 8. Total, 40.

We cannot begin our Annual Report on the Missions of our Church without referring to the disastrous war now being waged between China and Japan, the marvellous and so far uninterrupted success of the Japanese arms, and the deplorable unreadiness of the Chinese. That Japan, which contains not more than 40,000,000 inhabitants, and has only been open to foreign trade and intercourse for thirty-five years, should have been able in so short a time to organise military and naval forces on the best models of European nations, and to press so hard on the Great Empire of China as to compel her to sue for peace, is without a parallel in the history of the world. The friends of China have long deplored her exclusiveness, her extreme jealousy of Western nations, and the slowness with which she has adopted the most manifest improvements, not only such as are essential for her protection against foreign foes, but those also which are so loudly called for in the interest of the social and commercial prosperity of her people. Few, however, of those best acquainted with the country were prepared for the widespread corruption and want of patriotism which the war has brought to light, and which has left her huge, undisciplined, poorly armed, and poorly paid levies at the mercy of a conqueror who has for a number of years past been successfully training his people for this very conflict.

It is a comfort to be able to report that the war has hitherto been confined to the most northern part of China, and has had no influence whatever on the work of our Missions, or on the populations among whom that work is carried on. We are not a little apprehensive that in the arrangements likely to be made on the restoration of peace, the island of Formosa may fall into the hands of the Japanese, either as a material guarantee or as a conquered possession. We have no fear that the Japanese will desire to interfere with our Missions, and it is chiefly during the progress of the change that trouble is to be dreaded from the evil-disposed among the Chinese. Let much prayer be made for our brethren and sisters labouring in that island, and for the members of the native Church, and that whatever turn events may take, all may be graciously overruled for the good of the Christian work our Mission has been so greatly honoured to do in Formosa, and which has been attended by so much blessing.

Our sympathy will go out to our friends and brethren of the Irish and United Presbyterian Churches whose work has been so seriously interrupted in Manchuria, a work begun by our own William Burns. We felt deeply the lamentable death by violence of Mr. Wylie, a noble Missionary of the United Presbyterian Church, and we earnestly trust a mighty blessing will follow so soon as Manchuria is relieved of the presence of hostile armies.

So far as regards the progress of the work the year has been comparatively uneventful. But never since the establishment of the Mission has there been so much suffering from sickness on the part of the Missionaries and their families. In Formosa this has been very specially the case, and the unexpected removal by death of the Rev. William Thow, has left a deep wound in the hearts of all the brethren and of the entire native Church. Mr. Thow was a noble Missionary, and had got into remarkable touch with the Chinese Christians, from many of whom

the most tender, sympathetic communications have been received. May it please Him who is Lord of the harvest to raise up one for us to succeed him, who shall be plainly baptized for the dead, and be blessed, like him, by patient and untiring effort and by kindly sympathy, to feed the native Church, and to win many from the ranks of the surrounding heathenism.

We greatly regret to report that, owing to the state of his health, the Rev. John L. Milne, M.A., B.D., Missionary at Swatow, has been constrained to resign his connection with the Mission and return to this country. That this is entirely the result of climatic influences is the clear medical testimony, and that he would only be gravely prejudicing his future by staying out any longer. The deepest sympathy is felt for both Mr. and Mrs. Milne, who leave the field with great sorrow, and who had endeared themselves in a special degree to the whole community. They have safely arrived in this country.

Mr. McGregor was greatly benefited by a second visit to Japan, and has returned to his work at Amoy with much increase of vigour. Mr. Campbell, of Formosa, had a serious attack of illness in the autumn months, and was also invalided to Japan with some benefit. Mr. Barclay has more recently been sent to the mainland, and will, we trust, be much strengthened. Dr. Murray Cairns, after severe sufferings from malarial fever at Taiwanfoo, was recommended a change to Japan, and while there both he and Mrs. Cairns were very gravely ill, and were urgently recommended to take a more complete change. They have, however, meantime returned to Taiwanfoo, where the Mission staff is at present much enfeebled, and the Committee will anxiously await tidings how it fares with them on the return of the warm season.

Statistics of China Mission for 1894.

Centres	Communi- cants, Dec. 31, 1893	Increase in 1894	Communi- cants, Dec. 31, 1894	Baptized Children, Dec. 31, 1894	Members under Sus- pension	Total Member- ship, Adults and Children
Amoy	1,261	79	1,340	806	42	2,188
Swatow	1,155	82	1,237	610	145	1,992
Hak-ka	390	20	410	171	36	617
Formosa	1,225	21	1,246	1,240	191	2,677
Singapore	234	-3	231	75	—	306
Totals	4,265	199 ¹	4,464	2,902	414	7,780

¹ Total adults received 412
Died or gone elsewhere 213

Net increase 199

AMOY.

Missionaries.—Revs. W. McGregor, Henry Thompson (on furlough), John Watson, T. E. Sandeman, C. Campbell Brown, Drs. James Howie, B. Lewis Paton, John Cross, Muir Sandeman, Mr. George M. Wales.

All the work is carried on as usual. The College is full, with sixteen or eighteen students for the ministry, two-thirds of these being from the district of Chin-chew, and the remaining third chiefly from that of Changpu. Three new stations have this year been secured between Chin-chew and Engchhun, and as these two cities are forty miles apart from each other, it is desirable that some more of the intervening towns and villages should be occupied.

The most important of the new stations is Soa-thau-sia. This is a Chinese Lourdes, being a place to which hundreds of thousands come in pilgrimage every summer. The attraction is the grave of a Saint who does not seem to have done anything remarkable during his life, but whose grave has secured a reputation for wonder-working powers, so that a visit to it secures immunity from sickness, success in business, a family of sons, and many other minor blessings. Pilgrims from as far as Canton in the south, and even from Peking in the north, come to Soa-thau-sia, but the bulk are from the province of Fokien. Mr. McGregor says :—

‘The Christians assure me that, during the past thirty years, the number of pilgrims has been gradually lessening, and this they attribute to the influence of Christianity, which has throughout the country broken down the power of superstition over the minds of multitudes who still have no inclination to accept the Gospel message. It is matter of thankfulness that we have obtained a footing in such a stronghold of idolatry.’

It is very satisfactory to learn as we go to press that at last the opposition of the local authorities at Engchhun to the handing over of the property purchased by Dr. Grant two years ago has been overcome, and our friends have entered into peaceable possession :—

‘The mandarin,’ Mr. McGregor remarks, ‘has done his duty in trying to keep us out. He has failed, but his superiors cannot blame him, he has done his best. And now that we are here, inevitable, like the cholera or the “black death,” he will bear us no grudge, and we shall probably have no difficulty in obtaining additions to the property we have got, so as to enable us to provide a suitable hospital, church, dwelling-house and school. During all the time that this contest has been going on, and for some years before, we have had a little place rented for worship in one of the streets, in which a small congregation meets, and when no Missionary is there, is ministered to by a native preacher.’

SWATOW.

Missionaries.—Revs. H. L. Mackenzie, John C. Gibson, Patrick J. Maclagan, John Steele, Drs. Alex. Lyall (on furlough), Philip B. Cousland, Mr. William Paton.

Everything continues to go well here. Mr. Mackenzie, notwithstanding his thirty-five years’ labour in the field, is still able to take

part in visiting the country churches, among whom his services are greatly valued.

The absence of Dr. Lyall on furlough brought Dr. Cousland down to Swatow, where he is in full charge of the Hospital, the work at Chao-chow-foo being carried on by Mr. Steele and an experienced hospital assistant. Without any manifestation of opposition the building of the new Hospital at Chao-chow-foo is being steadily proceeded with, and should there be no interruption, it is expected to be ready for occupation in the summer. The Missionaries are eagerly expecting the arrival of another medical man, but we have not yet succeeded in making an appointment.

The Missionaries have drawn very marked attention to the great opening in the south-west of the Swatow district, in which the same Hok-lo dialect is spoken, and where they have had disciples for some time past. The town of Sua-bué is the perfectly ideal centre of a very large district singularly open to the work of the Mission, and calling to us loudly to go in and occupy it. Mr. Gibson writes :—

‘The greater part of this region, with its innumerable villages, towns, and cities, can be traversed on inland and sheltered waters, and these facilities for travelling would multiply immensely the evangelistic power of a Mission stationed at Sua-bué, which is the natural centre of the whole system. When I add that steam launches carry passengers and letters from Sua-bué to Hongkong in eight hours, and that at Hai-fung city there is a station of the Imperial Telegraphs, connecting with “all telegraph stations in the world,” you will feel, I think, that Sua-bué is an ideal centre for Mission work, too ideal surely to be left unoccupied! I sympathise,’ Mr. Gibson adds, ‘with the Committee in their difficulty as to making the extensions of our work, but where there are open doors and an urgent call we must go on. If the Church at home wishes to escape these frequent appeals for advance, she must make up her mind that a successful Mission is an intolerable burden for a small Church, she must restrain prayer, and send out instructions to cool down the enthusiasm of her Missionaries. If she does not do these things the appeals will come. Success means burden, and burden imposed is a pledge of grace that will surely be given to meet the need. In that assurance we earnestly hope the Committee will grant our request.’

HAK-KA MISSION.

Missionaries.—Revs. Donald MacIver (on furlough), William Riddel, M.D., Murdo Mackenzie, Dr. John F. McPhun.

Another year of labour graciously given here without interruption. The Hospital work has hitherto been carried on at Wu-king-fu under very great disadvantages in scattered and most inconvenient rooms. Dr. McPhun has nevertheless treated 3,666 patients during the year, 585 having been in-patients. The Committee having sanctioned the erection of a suitable hospital at a cost of £500, the new building will shortly be ready for occupation.

The Barbour College at this Hak-ka centre has had a larger number of students than ever before, as many as twenty having been in attendance at the beginning of the session; and, although from various causes the number was considerably reduced at the end, three students

have now completed the four years' course of study, and will be sent out as preachers. There are now two licentiates in the Hak-ka Church, but as yet none of the Congregations appear to be able to call them as Pastors.

FORMOSA.

Missionaries.—Revs. William Campbell, Thomas Barclay, Duncan Ferguson, Drs. Peter Anderson (on furlough) and Murray Cairns, Mr. George Ede.

Although suffering so greatly, as we have said, from failure of health, the Missionaries in Formosa have been able to send home various cheering items of news from several of the Churches under their care. A distinct advance has been made among those in the Chiang-hoa region. In the Prefectural city itself the brethren have been quickened and their number increased, and at Katauga, some eighteen miles to the south of it, a genuine spiritual work is going on under the guidance of an earnest young preacher, named Lan Bo-khun. It was at this latter place that Mr. Campbell lately examined twenty-eight candidates for baptism, fourteen of these having been joyfully received into Church membership. At another new station, Sia-thau-lun, the Christians have collected money, secured a capital site, and put up a good-sized chapel with rooms attached, placing the whole in charge of a resident keeper, to whom they pay an allowance of two dollars a month.

In other parts of the island also there are evidences of much encouragement, and at a General Conference of Preachers and office-bearers to be held in February it seemed all but certain some decisions would be come to by the native brethren which would lead to their assuming a greater amount of responsibility in the management of the Church's affairs. The brethren are of opinion that the day is not very distant when they will be able to go forward to the ordination of one or two native pastors, which would indeed be a red-letter day in the Formosa Mission.

The deeply interesting work for the blind, initiated by Mr. Campbell, and in which Mrs. Ede took so valued a part until her enforced retirement from Formosa, continues to be conducted with every token of blessing, and its benefits are being extended to other parts of the Formosa field.

SINGAPORE.

Missionaries.—Revs. J. A. B. Cook and Archibald Lamont.

The absence of Mr. Cook on a short furlough during a great part of the year leaves little to be said about the details of his work. He and Mrs. Cook, on their arrival from England on November 27, received a hearty welcome from the Chinese brethren, and have found things in a fairly satisfactory state, considering that so young a Christian community had been left as sheep without their shepherd. He asks much prayer for the work.

Mr. Lamont's report upon the Eastern school work has not yet come.

Mr. Cook says: 'I am much indebted to the students of my old College at Queen Square for the substantial help they have given this year in collecting for our building schemes at Bukit Timah.'

RAMPORE BAULEAH, BENGAL.

Dr. Morison's promised report of our India Mission has not come to hand, but from his letters during the year we learn that he is having many tokens of encouragement. The students of his Bible Classes are hopeful, although the fear of persecution deters them from open confession. Mrs. Morison has been visiting in the Zenanas, and the women hear the Word of God willingly, not a few seeming to have accepted Christ, although unbaptized. She has 26 pupils, some married women, but quite illiterate.

The Hospital, which was opened in January 1894, has been most useful, having had over 70 in-patients during the year, and in November last the number of out-patients had reached 10,000. Two Mohammedan converts were baptized during the year, and two others are believers, but afraid to confess Christ, lest they should be separated from their families.

A most hopeful event is the translation of the Koran into the native language, which is opening the eyes of the Mohammedans to its falsehoods; and a book entitled 'The Beacon of Truth' promises to have a vast influence on the Mohammedan mind, as it is found to bear testimony to the Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ. It has been translated into English by Sir William Muir.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have been chiefly engaged in studying the native language, and Mr. Cooper has been taking the English service in the Church every Sunday. Miss Brunton, Miss Thomson, and Miss Sutherland are engaged in their Zenana and other Mission work.

For details of the varied and deeply interesting work in all the districts and departments of our Mission, we earnestly commend our people to the columns of the *Monthly Messenger*. These, as they are perused from month to month, will stimulate to prayer, and will give our people an intelligent acquaintance with a work which is eminently worthy of their deepest sympathy and heartiest support.

FINANCE.

As there was no self-denial week this year, there has been a falling off of nearly £800 in the income from congregational sources, and the expenditure has exceeded the income by £2,000. Happily, since the close of the financial year, the treasurer has received a further sum of £2,000 from the trustees of the late Mr. Sturge. The Committee desire to bring the financial position prominently before the Church. The existence of a reserve fund gives time for a gradual growth in our revenue; but the necessity for increased contributions presses heavily on the Church, as the only alternative, that of curtailing our work in China, Singapore, and India, is too terrible to be contemplated.

CONCLUSION.

In this wonderful crisis in the history of China it will be well for us as a Church, who have been so greatly honoured and privileged to establish an effective Christian Mission in that land, to take stock of the work, and to consider what we are going to do in the new circumstances, what view we are going to take of the increasing opening which our God in His providence is plainly setting before us. The opening may have come somewhat suddenly, and it has certainly been through a channel of which no one had dreamed; but it is nevertheless the dawn of a day which, during an eager outlook of fifty years, the eye of only a feeble faith has steadily sought to picture as that which was sure to come in God's good time.

Beside the Port of Niuchwang (Ying-tsu), the last spot to fall to the Japanese arms as we pen these lines, lie the remains of William Burns, our pioneer Missionary. He was the sole witness to Christ in Manchuria at that day, 1868, and was taken away on the very threshold of the land. It is most satisfactory that the call which we addressed in his name to sister Churches has been nobly responded to by the Irish Presbyterian and the United Presbyterian Churches, whose work is admirably organised, and is meeting with marked success.

Our own Church's work lies entirely in the South, and the methods employed have been so frequently and amply described that it would be out of place to enter here into much detail. In the formation and development of the Native Church, our Missionaries have met with remarkable success, and the aim which is steadily advanced is to extend the work through the length and breadth of the districts covered by the dialects they speak. Training, the highest possible, is given to native agents at the several centres; native pastors are supported entirely by the congregations over whom they are ordained; Medical Mission Hospitals are strongly in evidence, and very influential in paving the way for the Gospel; and schools, congregational, middle, and girls' schools, are all doing admirable work. Women's work is becoming more and more influential in elevating family life.

AMOY, besides its College and other central work on Kolongsu and at Emg-kang, has two important sub-centres at Chinchew and Changpu, while a third is about to be established at Engchhun. Amoy has two Presbyteries and a Synod.

SWATOW, with its Hospital, the largest in China, its College and Schools, has a sub-centre at Chao-chow-foo, and there is a great opportunity for the formation of a second sub-centre at Sua-bué, in the South-west, so soon as the state of the funds will admit of its being efficiently manned. Swatow has its Presbytery.

WU-KING-FOO, in the Hak-ka country, is the centre for work among that people with their separate language. It also has its Hospital, College, and Schools.

FORMOSA has its main centre at Taiwanfoo, with Hospital, College, and Schools, and a sub-centre in the North, to work the district that contains the Prefectural city of Chiang-hoa.

The principles and practice of systematic Christian giving are promoted by Committees of native office-bearers appointed for the purpose. The native Christians, both on the mainland and in Formosa, have established, and support from their own resources, Christian Missions to their fellow countrymen outside of their own borders. Thus, as regards self-government, self-support, and self-propagation, the ideal of a strong native Christian Church has taken thorough hold.

In every feature indicated in these brief sentences the work of the Mission is steadily progressing under the Divine favour and blessing; and possesses potentialities for extension which are only restrained and limited by the extent to which the home Church is made willing to provide the needful support.

No Church has ever had a more glorious opportunity of pressing on in a work of grace plainly laid to her hand. That we have already largely reaped of the reflex blessing cannot for a moment be doubted. That the blessing will return in still larger volume is equally certain if only our Christian people take a generous view of the marvellous opening set before us, and resolve individually and unitedly to go forward in strong faith.

‘Lift up your eyes and look on the fields that they are white already unto harvest. He that reapeth receiveth wages.’ Who will earn them?

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

HUGH M. MATHESON,

Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see p. 17.]

APPENDIX.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

THE hope expressed in our last report, that Mrs. Fleming Stevenson would come back from Italy with health so renewed and strength so restored that she would be able to continue her work as General Secretary, has been disappointed. Her medical adviser insists on her giving up all work, and therefore, as a mark of our esteem, we have elected her one of our Vice-Presidents. Mrs. Stevenson is one of the few who have been privileged to visit the Mission Stations in China and in India, and who has the still higher honour of having a son in the Mission field, and a daughter preparing to be also a Missionary. We deeply regret that the state of her health has compelled her to resign the office she formerly held among us.

HOME WORK.

In connection with our annual meetings last year, there was held a Ladies' Conference, an approach to our American sisters' plan of an 'All Day' meeting. In the forenoon we had a conference of the Presbyterian Secretaries, of whom seven encouraged us by their presence, while two others sent reports, which were read in their absence. At the close of this meeting the ladies lunched together, assembling again for a more general meeting at a quarter-past two, when a large number of interested friends were present. A third and public meeting, presided over by the Moderator of Synod, was held at four o'clock, the attendance being still larger, when addresses were given by Miss Ricketts and by Miss Johnston, while Mrs. McIver's few warm words make us anxious to hear her voice again. At the close of this meeting tea was provided, and afterwards many of the ladies attended the Synodical Missionary Meeting in Regent Square Church. Our Executive Committee hope, through the kindness of the ladies of Newcastle, to make arrangements for similar meetings during the Synod of 1895.

When Miss Stuart was addressing our annual meeting last year, she spoke of the necessity of having a house in Tai-wan-foo, in which the ladies could train native Bible-women, believing that the work could be greatly extended if there were Christian native women to visit and teach the heathen. At the close of Miss Stuart's address, Miss Ricketts offered £20 if £100 were contributed in time for Miss Stuart to take with her to Formosa, that the building of the house might begin at once. This challenge was quickly taken up, and the money raised. The ladies in Taiwanfoo are only now waiting to secure a suitable piece of ground before they commence the building.

We are sorry that we cannot give as gratifying an account of the efforts on behalf of the house at Chang-pu. Our ladies there (having last year received permission) have commenced to build, but we must have failed to make clear to the Church their need of a house in which to live, for we have received only £238 of the £400 that it is estimated a suitable house will cost.

During the year Mrs. J. E. Mathieson asked for assistance in the foreign correspondence. This important work she has hitherto carried on single-handed, but it has now grown to such an extent that she has felt it necessary to have some lady associated with her in the work. The Committee place on record most gladly their deep conviction of the great comfort that they know the letters of Mrs. Mathieson have been to our Missionaries, and the blessing her prayerful spirit has brought to all our work. We are glad to say that the request of Mrs. Mathieson has been responded to by Mrs. Richard Maxwell, who for some time past has helped our beloved friend.

Since our last annual meeting 3,368 copies of the Prayer Union card have been taken, an increase of 668 during the year. We will not rest until a card is found in every home. We are also able to report considerable progress in our Thanksgiving Box effort. Last year

twenty-two Congregations took 547 of the boxes. This year we have the pleasure of reporting that in addition to this number twenty-eight other Congregations have taken out 422, thus making fifty Congregations on the list, with 996 boxes in all. This effort, since its commencement two years ago, has brought into our treasury £159 19s. 11½*d.*, a generous free-will offering, while many friends have borne witness to the increase of their spirit of thankfulness through the use of these little reminders.

Miss Mann has again been unwearied in her work of visiting the branch associations. During the year she had held one hundred meetings, and given in all no fewer than eighty-five addresses. Sometimes her monthly report to the Committee presents so long a list of meetings, that we wonder how she is able to pass from place to place in time for her engagements. During the year nine new branches have been formed, making a total on our list of 187.

We close this portion of our report with the important statement from our Treasurer, that during the past year our actual income has decreased £200, while the expenditure has increased, chiefly in salaries. So that the balance in hand at the beginning of last year of £456 3*s.* 1*d.* has been reduced to £60 6*s.* 1*d.* at its close! Our branch Associations that have given less during the past year will thus see the necessity of making a special effort to bring back their subscriptions to the level of those of 1893. We recommend a study of the totals and particulars given in our Treasurer's report.

FOREIGN WORK.

The Synod's Jewish Mission Committee having decided not to continue their work at Rabat, we were compelled to withdraw Miss Graham from that post, and to ask for her resignation, it being part of our Constitution to carry on work only in fields actually occupied by the Foreign Mission Committee of our Church.

Three of our agents in China, Miss Graham, Miss Harkness, and Miss Falconer, will, we expect, have started for England before this report can be printed. We will be glad to welcome them on their return home after their many years of exhausting work in China's trying climate.

Last autumn we parted from Miss Ricketts, Miss Johnston, and Miss Stuart, who returned to China, and Miss Sutherland, who returned to India. While here, these ladies visited and addressed many of our congregations, speaking at about seventy meetings, telling of their work, and giving a reality to the foreign field such as can be done only by a returned Missionary. They made for themselves many warm friends; we trust that our prayers for them and their fellow-workers will be more earnest than ever.

Of the three Missionaries we sent out in 1893, the two who continue in our service—Miss Balmer at Wu-king-fu, and Miss Brunton at Rampore Bauleah—are making satisfactory progress with the language. The third lady has ceased to be one of our agents, having married

Mr. George Wales, one of our Missionaries at Amoy. During the past year we have added only one new worker to our staff, Miss Effie Maclagan. This lady had gone out from England to visit her sister living at Chang-pu. There she acquired some knowledge of the Chinese, and then applied to become one of our agents. Having received a medical certificate as to her health, we had great pleasure in adding her to our staff.

Family affairs rendered it necessary for Miss Ramsay to pay a very brief visit to this country during the year. Those who had an opportunity of meeting with her were delighted to find what a whole-hearted helper Miss Graham has in her in their work at Chin-Chew.

The many obligations under which we lie to the wives of the Missionaries at the various stations for the sympathy, counsel, and practical help which they ever and so lovingly give our workers, must not pass without grateful acknowledgment.

We cannot close this report without expressing our thankfulness to God that, while a fearfully destructive war is raging at the present time in Northern China, our Missionaries, living in the southern portion of the country, have as yet been preserved from all trouble and alarm. With restful hearts they continue to carry on their work all the more diligently because of the uncertainty which hangs over the future of the whole country.

We now submit a report * from each of our stations, with the exception of Amoy, and trust that our members will read carefully the record of the work of those whom we have sent to represent us on the foreign field, thus unitedly seeking to obey the Master's command, 'Go ye . . . make disciples of all the nations.'

* See 'Our Sisters in other Lands' for April.

[For Financial Statement, see p. 17.]

Dr. THE FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND *in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.* *Cr.*

To Salaries of Missionaries	£11,263	0	9	By Balance from previous year	£1,189	19	4
" Amoy Mission Expenses	1,578	3	2	" Congregational Contributions	6,649	2	2
" Swatow	1,032	5	10	" Self-denial Fund, Balance too late for 1893	13	0	0
" Hak-ka	363	13	1	" Juvenile Fund	1,903	11	3
" Formosa	989	19	11	" Edinburgh Committee of Scottish Auxiliary	3,021	16	7
" Singapore	550	0	0	" Legacies	75	0	0
" India	207	12	6	" Continental Contributions	3	19	0
" Grant to Penang	25	0	0	" Donations	1,042	5	4
" Passage Money and Travelling Expenses	769	14	8	" Collection at Missionary Meeting, Exeter Hall	77	0	0
" Outfit of Missionaries	135	0	0	" Interest on Legacy from late John Burnside	95	14	0
" Home Charges	904	4	4	" Students' Missionary Society, for extension at Formosa			
" Widows' and Orphans' Fund Extra Premiums	167	10	0	" For Bukit Timah	47	4	1
" Special Donations per Edinburgh Committee, transferred to W.M.A.	11	17	0	" Mrs. Barbour—for Rev. A. Lamont's Salary	361	18	6
				" Interest on Bequest from late Rev. R. W. Barbour			
				" Dr. A. K. F. Barbour, for Hak-ka College, £100; for Church at Chin-chew, £300; for Hospital at Chin-chew, £100			
				" Professor and Mrs. Simpson for School at Chang-poo			
				" Interest on Reserve Fund			
				" Sale of Maps			
				" Interest on Endowment of Cot in Mission Hospital			
				" Transfer from Reserve Fund			
				" Balance overdrawn on General Fund	£3,641	19	9
				<i>Less at Credit of:—</i>			
				Amoy Scholarships	£929	11	7
				Sanitarium, Formosa	478	4	1
				Hospital Purchase do.	124	15	8
				Scheme for Blind do.	309	1	2
				Hospital at Eng-chhun	850	0	0
					2,691	12	6
					950	7	3
					£17,998	1	3

Dr. THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION *in account with the TREASURER.* *Cr.*

To Salaries in China	£1,095	10	0	By Balance from previous year	£818	6	1
" India	462	10	0	" Associations	2,429	14	5
" Morocco	75	0	0	" Donations and Subscriptions	612	15	7
" Passage Money and Outfit	255	10	7	" Contributions towards Ladies' House	40	2	9
" Home Charges	220	17	8	" Interest on Mrs. Buchanan's Legacy for Girls' School at Swatow	8	14	6
" Expenditure at Mission Stations	637	8	11	" Mrs. Buchanan's Legacy for Girls' School at Swatow	39	18	10
" Drawn on account Changphu House	217	17	9	" Thanksgiving Boxes	118	11	4
" Balance forward to 1895	611	4	4	" Contributions to Biblewoman's House, Formosa	126	10	9
				" Ladies' House, Changphu	236	5	0
				" Legacy—Miss Swappe, Aberdeen	50	0	0
					£4,475	19	3

PUBLICATIONS.

'THE MESSENGER AND MISSIONARY RECORD' (One Penny) contains, besides general Church news, reports of the progress of the Missions of the Church month by month.

'OUR SISTERS IN OTHER LANDS' (One Penny) is the quarterly record of women's work in heathen lands, with special reference to the Missions fostered by the Women's Association of the Presbyterian Church of England.

'THE CHILDREN'S MESSENGER' (One Halfpenny) is designed for Sunday Schools and children in the families of the Church, and will be found a useful educator in leading the young to an interest in the Lord's cause.

A single copy of the Blue Book may be had for 1s. 6d. (or 2s. free by post). Parcels of not less than six copies can be had at the rate of 1s. per copy.

All of the above should be ordered from the Publications Committee of the Presbyterian Church of England, 14 Paternoster Square, London, E.C.

COLLECTORS' BOOKS for Missionary and Sustentation Fund Associations, MISSIONARY BOXES for Christian families and Sunday Schools, and JUVENILE COLLECTING CARDS, may be obtained free of charge on application at the Offices of the Church, 7 East India Avenue, London, E.C.; and all remittances on account of Church Funds should be sent to Mr. JOHN LEGGAT, at the same address.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I leave and bequeath the sum of [the amount being written in words, not in figures] to the Foreign Missions Fund [or to the Fund of the Women's Missionary Association] of the Presbyterian Church of England, and I declare that the receipt of the Chairman or Con-
vener, for the time being, of the Treasurership Committee of the said Presbyterian Church of England shall be a good discharge to my estate and executors.